

1.1	Title of Sponsored Work	Economic Value of Biodiversity Conservation Provided by Forest and Agro Forest Ecosystem in Kodagu Distt.
1.2	Name of TERI SAS Department/ Centre (s) involved	DoPS
1.3	Type	Research Project
2.1	Sponsoring Agencies	South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes
2.2	Location of work/activity	Kodagu, Karnataka, India
3.1	List of partnering Institutions involved	TERI Bangalore
3.2	Lead Partner	TERI SAS
4.1	Begin Date	30.9.2014
4.2	Completed or Ongoing	Completed
4.3	End Date	29.9.2016
5.1	Principal Investigator(s)-- Internal	Dr. Kavita Sardana
5.2.	Principal Investigator(s)-- External	
5.3	Co-Principal Investigator(s) --Internal	Ms. Himani Pandey, M.Sc. Economics, Alumni.
5.4.	Co-Principal Investigator(s) --External	
5.3	Associated Researcher(s)-- internal	15,28,500
6.1	Amount Sanctioned	15,28,500
6.2	Amount received	15,28,500
6.3	In Kind support	
7.1	Description of work and activities	<p>The study aims to assess the current value being provided by the forest and agro-forest ecosystems in Kodagu, to whom this value is being provided, and what competing factors are at play. The study will investigate whether and what kind of model may be adopted to compensate local actors/ coffee planters for maintaining coffee plantation under high density tree cover and conserving native tree species. This study will explore the feasibility of a payment mechanism, which can incentivize land stewards to manage their resources to achieve conservation benefits.</p> <p>The specific research questions that the study attempts to answer are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are there domestic buyers for biodiversity conservation, and is there a willingness to pay for these services? 2. How do benefits of biodiversity conservation (WTP) compare to the opportunity cost of conservation, i.e., timber benefits forgone? 3. Can increase in entry fees be used as the main source of funding payments to compensate coffee growers for conserving native habitat?
7.2	Project Reach, engagements and beneficiaries, if applicable	
8.1	List of Publications including dissemination through social media	Journal: Sardana, Kavita. Tourists' Willingness to Pay for Restoration of Traditional Agro-forest Ecosystems Providing Biodiversity: Evidence from India."Ecological economics 159 (2019): 362-372. Working Papers: 1. Incentive Incompatibility In DB-DC Model: An Application Of Voluntary Contribution To Public Goods. 2. Behavioral evidence to scope insensitivity in a CVM study. Dissemination Seminar: local stakeholders, in Kodagu.
8.2	Links to Events page, if any	
9.	Executive Summary and other documents	Conservation of existing remnants of tropical forests outside protected areas remains a major challenge because of developmental pressures. It is likely that, as forests outside of protected areas disappear, the pressure on protected areas will grow. Thus